

URGES DELEGATE AS FIRST REFORM

Clafflin Declares District Representation in Congress Is Most Needed Reform.

Discussing the Tamm bill, which provides for a referendum vote in the District to determine what form of government is desired by the majority of its citizens, Roy C. Clafflin, chairman of the District Delegate Association, suggested today that the passage of a bill for getting a delegate in Congress should precede the passage of other reforms hinted at in the Tamm bill.

The chairman of the District Delegate Association announced today that the association soon will hold another conference to discuss the Tamm bill, the Federation of Citizens' Associations and of the local branch of the W. C. T. C. are expected to attend.

Discussing the Tamm bill, introduced yesterday by Mr. Clafflin, the District Delegate Association has been urging this end in a more practical, expedient and satisfactory manner. A referendum election for the sole purpose of voting on these questions seems superfluous. It would be an enormous task for the Commissioners to plan and execute all the details of this initial election, especially in view of the additional duties that are constantly being imposed upon them.

"The most practical method for a referendum on questions such as these is to have them submitted to the regularly qualified and registered voters at the first election of the District delegate, which it is proposed shall be held in November, 1914, or at the primary election preceding this."

Mayor Warns Theaters.

BOSTON, Sept. 19.—In a certain lecture to Boston theater managers, Mayor Fitzgerald said he wanted a healthier atmosphere in the theaters of the city, and asked the managers to help him get it.

Legislative News Up to the Last Minute

Capital Firm Gets Contract.

Darby & Pierce, Washington contractors, are to complete the Government building, under the terms of a contract signed with the Secretary of the Treasury. The work to complete the building is to cost \$20,196.65. The Pennsylvania contractor that originally took the job defaulted.

Refuse To Hear Glovers.

Twenty-seven men and women glove factory employees of Gloversville, N. Y., made a futile journey here today at their own expense, to obtain an increase of the tariff on gloves. They were refused a hearing by the tariff conference, who stated that no persons seeking to influence the conference action would be received.

War On Pear Weevil.

Because of the danger of an invasion of the United States by the Avocado weevil, an insect that attacks the avocado, or alligator pear, a quarantine to prevent the importation of avocado seed into the United States is under consideration by the Department of Agriculture.

Wilson Aids Mrs. Remick.

By Executive order, relieving her of the necessity of standing examination, President Wilson has appointed as a clerk in the index bureau of the State Department, Mrs. Annie S. Remick, of Washington, widow of the son of Edward D. Remick, who was chief clerk of the State Department during the Administration of President Cleveland.

Lane Not Seriously Ill.

Reports of a relapse by Secretary of the Interior Lane at Berkeley, Cal., two days ago were exaggerated, according to a telegram received at the Interior Department today from Herbert Meyer, his secretary. This message was as follows: "Reports of relapse of Secretary Lane exaggerated. He improves daily. Expects to return to Washington early in October."

Reorganization Saves \$400,000.

Between \$350,000 and \$400,000 will be saved by the Government through the customs reorganization plan, according to an estimate being prepared for Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Hamline.

Wilson Lauds Chile.

President Wilson has sent the following message of felicitation to the President of Chile on the occasion of the anniversary of Chilean independence: "I take pleasure in extending cordial felicitations on this national anniversary, and at the same time I offer to your excellency my best wishes for your personal welfare and for the continued peace and prosperity of the Chilean nation."

The sending of this and other telegrams of the kind to South and Central American republics on the occasion of their national holidays has served to emphasize the failure of the United States to send similar messages to Mexico last Monday on her independence day.

Wilson Accepts Resignation.

The resignation of Frank S. Streeter, of Concord, N. H., as one of the members of the International Joint Commission having jurisdiction over the Canadian boundary dispute, has been accepted by President Wilson to take effect October 1. No successor has been decided upon.

Emberly Gets Aided.

For the sake of his widowed mother and his dependent wife and child the sentence of Arthur J. Stenzel, convicted of embezzling \$5,400 from the Galveston City National Bank, has been commuted by President Wilson from five years to one year. Stenzel voluntarily surrendered and pleaded guilty. Under the commutation his sentence will expire in November.

Foreign Warships Desired.

In preparation for the giant naval display for the formal opening of the Panama canal in 1915, Secretary Daniels is getting up handsomely engraved invitations which are expected to bring to the Atlantic end of the canal a vast armada of foreign war vessels. These vessels, escorted by the Atlantic fleet, will go through the canal and proceed to the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. The gathering is expected to surpass any international naval force ever assembled.

Approves Land Bill.

Acting Secretary of the Interior Jones has given the approval of his department to the bill pending in the House, which legalizes the drawing of lands by lot when a section of the public domain is opened to settlement. The Acting Secretary appeared before the Committee on Public Lands yesterday.

Seeks Second Hand Brougham.

When it comes to getting Jeffersonian simplicity down to fine points, Joseph Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, can make the average exponent of Democracy look like a stiff-necked autocrat. Jefferson may or may not have had a secret predilection for "well turnouts" in his day, but apparently for the purpose of running no risks of outraging the memory of the great statesman, Secretary Daniels has called for bids for a second-hand, light, extension front brougham, or a light

roomy, straight-front brougham, either to have dark green interior trimmings."

Asks Wilson To Aid Roads.

Governor Major, of Missouri, conferred with President Wilson today in an effort to enlist the executive's interest in the cause of good roads. Governor Major will head a delegation of Western governors who will appear before a congressional committee at the next regular session in behalf of the same cause.

"Indian Sign" On Currency.

United States currency will have the real "Indian Sign" on it for the first time tomorrow, when Gabe E. Parker, a Choctaw, becomes Register of the Treasury. Mr. Parker is an Oklahoma Indian. He met Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo yesterday.

Arrangements were made for him to take the oath of office Saturday. His signature must appear on all bills to make them good. When he was congratulated upon coming to the Treasury Department today, Mr. Parker, smilingly declared, "I hope the Indian sign will be a good sign on our money for the people. For sixteen years the office of Register of the Treasury has been held by a colored man. It has been vacant, since Register Napier stepped out."

Name Davis' Successor.

John W. Davis, who recently resigned a seat in the House to become Solicitor General, probably will be succeeded in Congress by Matthew Mansfield Neely, who has been nominated by the First district congressional convention at New Martinsville, W. Va.

Indianapolis Gets First Call.

The first of the \$50,000,000 crop moving fund being distributed by the Treasury Department.

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